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Dear Josh,

It was a pleasure to hear from you. The internship appointments have all been made and on the whole the class has done quite well for itself. I'll be going to Maimonides - which is a new hospital in Brooklyn which has been taken over by Dr Seagal - formerly of Goldwater. The setup looks pretty good - it is connected with Long Island Medical School and has a lot of money. The Mount Sinai group is backing it and sending some of their people down there. There is even a salary - \$35 a month. I expect to take a year of medicine, and from there go on to surgery. My eventual destination is something I can't be sure of. Perhaps neurosurgery - but it takes a long time and I may be sidetracked before I get there.

Lester is going to go to Philadelphia General which is doing quite well. Dick Krakauer is not going to take an internship; he is applying for a National Research council fellowship. You might be able to get him to come out to Wisconsin without much difficulty.

The future of the yearbook is still in doubt. If one does come out I'll reserve one for you.

The last year or two have been quite enlightening for me, not so much from a medical as from a personal point of view. My first love affair will soon be over, unless I become a father soon, which may well be the case. I'm awaiting the report of an H2 test. She's a medical student also, which makes things very complicated. I'll tell you the story when it's all over. I can say that my now happily married life somewhat. I'll probably be married myself before not too long, if I find the right girl. The closest one to the correct one so far has been Alice Brenner, who will be spending this winter in New York. I've seen her from time to time, and she's doing well.

Hermon Raiphe is now in the first year, getting along fairly comfortably. He's doing fairly well, not working too hard, but getting fairly good grades.

He plans eventually to go into psychiatry.

There have been a few casualties in the class, both Dot Speers and George Mc Kinnick being in T.B. sanitariums. Dot is also pregnant and is expecting her child in a few months. Jim ^(Speers) is doing well, being A.O.A. as are Mary Stuart Blakely, Rose Ruth (Toro) Ellison, Bob Shinn, Sidne - Frank, Taylor, Fosher, Denenback, Dinger, etc.

I'm sorry to say that I haven't been down to Columbia for a while now, and don't know how things are going down there.

Andy Miles - who you may remember, has committed suicide. He had dropped out of the class in second year and was diagnosed a schiz and committed this fall.

He was let home for the holidays and took strychnine, a not too pleasant way to die. Paul Perry is also in an institution according to some rumors, but I don't know this to be true. No one else has broken down as yet, but it won't be too long before we get a few more.

I'm working on a research project in my spare time - the mental changes found in pts w frontal lobe tumors. If I ever get it into print I'll send you a reprint.

I have not much more to say at present. I've just moved back to Board Hall after working at Mother Cabrini Hospital for a few months. School is no longer a problem, there is almost no work to do and I'm starting to learn to think for myself medically. We get a month off in June before starting internships. I'll probably go to the country for a month, although I haven't ruled out the idea of a visit to Wisconsin for a few days.

I'll write again soon.

Regards
Tony